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SUBJECT: SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS - ROUND SIX

1. UPI STORY BY HENRY KEYS DATELINED WASHINGTON,
JUNE 19 REPORTED:

"THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD THE UNITED STATES
IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE BASES IN SPAIN FOR TRANSIT
OF MILITARY SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL IN THE EVENT OF A NEW
MIDDLE EAST WAR, INFORMED SOURCES SAID TODAY.

"SPAIN THUS JOINS PORTUGAL IN WITHHOLDING PERMIS-
SION FOR THE USE OF ITS AIR BASES FOR THE SHIPMENT OF
SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL.

"SPAIN ALLOWED THE UNITED STATES TO USE ITS BASES
DURING THE YOM KIPPUR WAR OF 1973, BUT THE SOURCES SAID
IT IS NOT PREPARED TO DO SO AGAIN. THE SOURCES SAID THE
SPANISH DELEGATION NEGOTIATING THE RENEWAL OF US AIR
AND NAVAL BASES ON SPANISH TERRITORY HAD NOTIFIED THE
UNITED STATES OF THIS CONDITION.

"THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS
BEGAN IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY AND WERE CONTINUING
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TODAY.

"THE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS
SEVERAL AIRBASES AND THE NAVAL BASE ROTA HAVE BEEN

RENEWED FROM TIME TO TIME, WITH THE US COMPENSATING
SPAIN WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
THE PRESENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES IN SEPTEMBER."

2. WHEN INFORMED, PERINAT SEEMED GENUINELY SURPRISED.
HE SAID HE HAD NOT REPREAT NOT TALKED TO NEWSMEN AND WAS
FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT NONE OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF SPANISH
DELEGATION HAD EITHER. SINCE HE WAS THE ONLY MEMBER
STILL IN WASHINGTON, HE PROMISED TO CHECK FURTHER WHEN HE
RETURNED TO MADRID.

3. WE TOLD PERINAT THAT THIS UNFORTUNATE LEAK, WHICH
APPEARED TO HAVE COME FROM THE SPANISH SIDE, COULD MAKE
OUR JOB ON THE HILL ALL THAT MORE DIFFICULT WHEN WE REACH
THE STAGE OF SEEKING THE POSSIBLE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF
THE SENATE FOR A NEW AGREEMENT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE EMBASSY WOULD REMIND
PERINAT OF HIS PROMISE TO INFORM US FURTHER AFTER MAKING
SOUNDINGS WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION.
AT THE NEXT CONVENIENT OCCASION, WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST
THAT IT BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ROVIRA.

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